

VA advanced fellowship in health services research and development

The Center for Healthcare Organization and Implementation Research ([CHOIR](#)) seeks qualified candidates for a rigorous **two-year advanced fellowship** in health services research. The program supports fellows striving to **develop and enhance their health services research skills and become independent investigators** after completing doctoral or clinical training. Fellows **collaborate** in ongoing research at CHOIR and also **develop individual projects**. CHOIR operates in two Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical center **locations**: Boston, Massachusetts, and Bedford, Mass.

The experience

- Excellent research and career mentoring by [investigators](#) within a rich, interdisciplinary environment
- Acquisition of skills & experience writing manuscripts and grants
- Constructive critical feedback on your ideas, research proposals, writing, and career trajectory
- Exposure to health services literature and methods relevant to Veterans' health care

Select focal areas

- Patient-centered care
- Care coordination
- Health communication
- Mental health recovery
- Medication optimization
- Implementation science
- Learning health systems

The results

- More than half of our former fellows from the past 10 years are employed as researchers, clinicians, or both in VA
- Many of these fellows have received career development awards

"As a CHOIR fellow, I received tailored training and mentorship that launched my health services research career."

- Dr. Samantha Connolly,
CHOIR-Boston

Application information

We encourage applications from **recent doctorates** in relevant disciplines including health services/policy, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing, sociology, psychology, anthropology, health care management, epidemiology, health economics, and statistics. See [here](#) for more information on eligibility.

Please email a CV and a brief narrative statement (~2 pages) of prior research training, experience, career goals, reasons for seeking fellowship, and specific health services research interests to CHOIRFellowship@va.gov.

Admissions are rolling, but we encourage potential candidates to apply early. CHOIR is proud to be an equal opportunity workplace. **We recognize and value the power of a diverse community and strongly welcome applications from individuals with varied lived experiences, perspectives, beliefs, and backgrounds.** All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to, and will not be discriminated against based on age, race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other protected category.